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Security Service RF SS
SD-Section Stuttgart
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Stuttgart, May 16th, 1942.

To all
SS - Leaders, Assistants and Men.

Re: Announcement of orders and regulations.

Different orders and regulations are announced hereafter.

I.- Leaving of firearms in check rooms etc.

Order of RSHA dated February 22nd 1941 K S (obligatory physical training) 1 No. 1503/41 -

1. All members of the Security Police and the SD have to be informed once more of the following order:

Re-order of the SD-Reichsführer and Chief of the German Police
1. RMH. dated October 22nd 1940 - General Headquarters. 19 (1)
301 No. 32/40 - (RMH. 1. 1945).

(1) Attention is drawn upon the fact that firearms should not be handled by unqualified persons.

(2) In order to avoid accidents I forbid:

1.- Leaving of firearms in check rooms or other similar places except the official luggage rooms of the German State Railway and the German Post Office.

2.- To let relatives or other private persons fetch firearms from luggage rooms. It is allowed to have them fetched by specially appointed porters.

3.- Members of the police have to be instructed accordingly.

II. Supplementary order for Security Police and SD:

(1) When travelling on the German State Railway or staying in restaurants, theatres, movies, etc., firearms (pistols) should always be taken out of the case, put on safety and kept in one of the built sockets.

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II.- Service cloths.

SS-Reichsführer

Führer Headquarters, March 15th
1942

SS - and Police - order.

I want to point out that for all men of the SS and the police specially those working at home (in Germany) shaving is obligatory when they are in uniforms. No superior should allow his men to have an unkempt appearance.

signed: H. Himmler.

III.- SS-Reichsführer and
Chief of German Police.

Führer Headquarters,
April 6th, 1942.

Daily report No. III/121/42 g

Re: Protection of girls and young women.

To all men of the SS and the Police.

Many fathers or heads of families are presently far away from home, doing military service or working elsewhere at important war tasks. Therefore they are forced to entrust the protection of their children to the care of the German community.

Thus every German has the duty to protect our youth, the sons and daughters of our nation, from the dangers to which they are exposed because of the special circumstances which the war causes.

From you, my men of the SS and the Police, I ask that you keep that duty constantly in mind.

It is unworthy of a decent man to mislead a young, minor girl, to cause her misfortune by frivolous playing, and thus to deprive our nation of a future wife and mother.

Never forget how angry you would be of your own minor daughter or sister should be ruined. You would be right in asking that the culprit be severely punished.

I believe you know, that I have absolutely broadminded and normal views on the things and laws of life. But you must also know that I shall punish severely everyone of my men, who will in a mean way take advantage of the inexperience or fickleness of a minor girl.

Superiors have to inform me of every happening of that kind.

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IV.- Inspector of Security Police
and of the SD in Stuttgart

Stuttgart, April 23th 4:

Re: The new rank of SS-Oberstgruppenführer.

The Führer has established a new rank: SS-Oberstgruppenführer.

Therefore a change in the way of designating the rank of superior SS-leaders is necessary.

In future superior SS-leaders, starting from the SS-Standartenführer, will wear on their collars the following grades:

SS-Standartenführer	1 oak leaf	
SS-Oberführer	2 oak leaves	
SS-Brigade-Leader and Major General of Waffen-SS and Police	3 oak leaves	
SS-Gruppenführer and Lieutenant General of Waffen-SS and Police	3 oak leaves,	1 star
SS-Obergruppenführer and General of Waffen-SS and Police	3 oak leaves,	2 stars
SS-Oberstgruppenführer and Colonel General of Police	3 oak leaves,	3 stars.

signed: Steirle
SS-Obersturmbannführer

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SS-Obersturmführer.

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